Sl. No.	*State*	*Per capita consumption of milk kl. Kl.Kgs./annum*	
		1989-90	*1990-91 (provisional)*
1	2	3	4
23.	Tripura	10.6	11.0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	69.5	72.3
25.	West Bengal	43.4	44.3

Agriculture as an Industry

*139. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to declare agriculture as an industry;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) to (c). The matter is being examined in depth in consultation with other concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Vegetable and Fruit Centre

*140. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank team had recently visited India for identifying places for establishing vegetables and fruit centres;

(b) if so, the places identified by the team; and

(c) the aid given by the World Bank for establishing these centres?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Questions do not arise. However, a feasibility study for evolving a project to create a grid for marketing fruits and vegetables is currently being undertaken by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The study is being financed by the World Bank.

[*Translation*]

Soil Testing Laboratories

*141. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: